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Microsoft settlement comments,

I don't believe that the proposed settlement goes far enough to prevent Microsoft from continuing its monopolistic practices.

By virtue of the fact that Microsoft already has an illegally-acquired monopolistic share of the computer software marketplace, it will be very difficult for any competitors to gain market share.

Therefore I believe that the only remedy to the court case which will serve to promote competition and redress the offenses which Microsoft has committed is the breakup of the company. If Microsoft was broken up into at least two parts: an operating system supplier, and an applications software developer, competition would be restored. As a provision of this type of settlement, Microsoft should be ordered to develop its operating system for other hardware platforms (Sun - using Sparc processors, and Apple - using PowerPC processors - hardware as a minimum). The applications software division should be ordered to re-develop all of its applications for use under Sun's Solaris, SGI's IRIX, Linux, and Apple's MacOSX operating systems.

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